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In re Application of
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:DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
:INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER
:37 1.47(a) MOOT
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This is in response to papers filed on February 24, 2003 and February 27, 2003 in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed December 23, 2002. The papers filed on February 27, 2003 included a Declaration signed by previously nonsigning inventor Annette Watson in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2821 for examination in due course.

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